

---

Living Springs

---

9-1983

## September 1983 (Vol. 7 No. 2)

Cedarville College

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/living\\_springs](https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/living_springs)



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Cedarville College, "September 1983 (Vol. 7 No. 2)" (1983). *Living Springs*. 61.  
[https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/living\\_springs/61](https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/living_springs/61)

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@Cedarville, a service of the Centennial Library. It has been accepted for inclusion in Living Springs by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@Cedarville. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@cedarville.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@cedarville.edu).

SEP 22 1983

**A Monthly  
Inspirational Paper  
For Senior Citizens**

Cedarville College Library  
Cedarville, Ohio 45314

SEPTEMBER 1983  
Vol. 7 No. 2

# ***Living Springs***

by CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

## **The Neglected Bible**

by  
Evelyn Nitso

The Bible was very dusty...  
It lay on a shelf of wood.  
For many long months  
That Bible had stood!

The owner went to church  
And tried to live right,  
But didn't know JESUS-  
The world's GREATEST LIGHT!

One night he decided  
To pick up the BOOK.  
He thought to himself,  
I'll take just ONE QUICK LOOK!

He started reading Romans,  
Was intrigued by what he read.  
It was SO interesting  
He didn't want to go to bed.

He found he was a sinner,  
By reading Romans chapter three.  
...Chapters five and six  
Told him salvation was FREE!

Chapter ten said to confess  
Jesus as Saviour and believe.  
He followed the ADVICE,  
And Christ HE DID RECEIVE!

The Bible now isn't dusty,  
No longer does it just lie.  
No more is it neglected,  
Because it's read everyday!



---

# DISCIPLESHIP

Have you, as an older person, thought that because of your age you could be of no use to the Lord? How wrong you are! Consider discipling a person younger than yourself. Discipling is a process through which you can share your faith, knowledge, and wisdom with a person younger than yourself. It is a chance for you to share your experiences in order to enrich the life of another. As you continually build into his or her life, not only will you be giving of yourself, but you will be blessed as the other person builds into your life, as well. Discipleship can be an opportunity for the sharing of each other's life in every aspect.

The Bible gives us several examples of discipleship. First, there is the discipleship of Naomi to Ruth.

"And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for where thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God." Ruth 1:16

May I suggest that this is not only a loyal decision, but also a cry for guidance and leadership. Having lived as Naomi's daughter-in-law for ten years, she must have seen something very special in Naomi to make her leave her homeland and go to a strange, foreign land. It is also clear that Ruth had respect for Naomi and wanted her to build into her life, to teach and instruct her.

Secondly, there is the discipleship of Elijah to Elisha. Although the Bible does not record any specific passages where Elijah teaches Elisha, we find that Elisha's one request upon the departure of Elijah is that "a double portion of thy (Elijah's) spirit be upon me." It is evident that Elijah made quite an impact on Elisha's life.

Finally, there is the discipleship of Paul to Timothy. In first and second Timothy we find letters of encouragement and guidance. Paul advises Timothy in all areas of his life so that he will know how to deal with situations correctly. Along with this, we find that they had a very special friendship. Paul refers to him as "my own son in the faith." I have heard it said that Timothy was won to the Lord directly through Paul. If this is true, then Paul must have rejoiced greatly as he watched Timothy grow and develop as a Christian.

Just as these people built into the lives of others, you can too. Women, consider building into the life of a younger woman. Men, consider building into the life of a younger man. Couples, consider building into the life of a younger couple. You may never know the blessings the Lord has in store for you if you refuse such an opportunity.

Judi Thomas



# Light for Living

by  
Dr. James T. Jeremiah

---

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.

At an inn in Switzerland, several mountain climbers were discussing the treacherous difficulties in climbing and descending a nearby Alpine peak. A stranger present listened to their conversation with interest. At last he spoke. Remarks of surprise followed. The stranger was asked to employ a guide for safety. But he insisted, "I intend to climb that mountain without a guide."

The next morning the stranger was absent from breakfast. Upon questioning the innkeeper, the guests learned he had taken an early breakfast and set out for the peak. All day they watched in vain for his return. Night came, and morning, and still he had not returned. Thoroughly alarmed, the climbers formed a search party and set out to find him. After hours they reached the summit. They arrived at the weatherbeaten center post to which every successful tourist delights to attach his card. Quickly scanning the names they found the card of the stranger. Scrawled across it they read, "Without a guide." "Come on, friends," said an old guide, "I will show you where he is." Silently they followed. Only a short distance away, on the downward trail, they stopped. There in a crevice about 90 feet deep lay the cold body of the stranger. He had gambled heavily upon his own skill and lost. The stranger had made the climb, but where was he now?

May not life be likened to Alpine steeps? We meet the snags and snares, problems and difficulties, where we alone are insufficient, and at the end looms eternity. Some boast that they need no guide. They scoff at warnings of eternal punishment. But self-sufficiency spells disaster.

To be sure, there are some blind guides who would be shunned by those who desire to be led aright. The emphasis in the Bible, however, is upon the guidance which God offers, and the

wise men and women who desire it.

"For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me" (Psalm 31:3). "The meek will he guide in judgement: and the meek will he teach his way" (Psalm 25:9). "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death" (Psalm 32:8; 48:14). "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory" (Psalm 73:24).

"And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (Isa. 58:11).

"How be it when he, the Spirit of truth is come. he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come" (John 16:13).

Every Christian has a Heavenly Father who loves him, an infallible Bible to instruct him, and the Holy Spirit to lead him. Therefore, he can be led astray only by deliberately wanting to be so directed or by willfully neglecting the means of guidance at his disposal.





## CHUCKLES

The missionary was the speaker at a dinner in his honor before he embarked for a distant land. "I want to thank you for your kindnesses, and I want all of you to know that when I am out there, surrounded by ugly, grinning savages, I shall always think of you people."

\* \* \*

Everyone in this room is free. Everyone in the United States is free," said the nursery teacher. "I'm not free, I'm four," replied the little boy.

\* \* \*

Three little boys were talking about how tough they were. "I'm so tough I wear out a pair of shoes every week," one declared. "Why that's nothing," said the second boy. "I wear out a pair of blue jeans every day." "You guys aren't so tough," piped up the third. "I wear out my Grandma and Grandpa in an hour."

\* \* \*

A little boy in church for the first time watched the ushers pass the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear, "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."

\* \* \*

A BIT OF HUMOR TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY!!!

As I was thinking of the Senior Servant article for this month's **Living Springs**, one of the first people to come to my mind was Eugene L. Roberts of Key West, Florida. Mr. Gene (as he's affectionately called by all who know and love him) is the treasurer of Ley Memorial Methodist Church in Key West—he's held that position for many years. Mr. Gene has done an excellent job of keeping church finances in order. As a result of much of his encouragement and many answered prayers, funds have been provided for many needed repairs at Ley Memorial. Mr. Gene tells everyone to "think big, the Lord will provide." He has a strong faith in the Lord—materially his faith has been rewarded through the church.

Up until a few years ago Mr. Gene also served as the Sunday School superintendent. But even now his service extends far beyond the treasurer duties. Mr. Gene serves on many boards and committees and is a faithful attendant of all the meetings. He's also an usher Sunday mornings and makes a point to greet and welcome all newcomers.

Aside from these many services, Mr. Gene performs many more "above and beyond the call of duty." He's always the first one at church on Sunday, making sure everything is in order and

# Servants

Galloway

usually one of the last to leave. He also cleans up after the Thursday morning men's prayer breakfast. But most importantly, Mr. Gene is always willing and eager to serve in everything. He wants to help in every way he can.

The greatest of Mr. Gene's services though is one of encouragement. This is especially true for the youth. He has a great interest and concern for the young people of the church, perhaps because he's so young at heart himself. He is like another grandpa to most of us. But he's a special grandpa because when he's not riding his bike all over town, or talking about his real grandchildren, Mr. Gene is talking about the Lord. He loves the Lord so much and he never misses an opportunity to share that love with others.

Mr. Gene's zeal for life and love for the Lord, who gave him that life, touches each person with whom he comes in contact. That is why he is such an encouragement to all. He is truly a worthy recipient of the Senior Servant title. I hope that someday I will earn that title even to just a small extent of what he has. But what he's done for the Lord in his seventy plus years I doubt few others can accomplish with quite the same zest or style as Mr. Gene.

## Note Worthy

### Teach Me to Pray

Words and Music by Albert S. Reitz

Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray-  
This is my heart-cry day unto day;

I long to know thy will and thy way-

Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.

Living in Thee, Lord, and Thou in me-

Constant abiding, this is my plea;

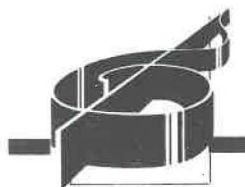
Grant me thy power, boundless and free-

Power with men and power with Thee.

This hymn was composed in 1926 after an all-day prayer session. "From early morning until night we prayed," reported the author, "and God definitely made His presence real to us. The next morning, still under the influence of the spirit of prayer and intercession, I wrote 'Teach Me To Pray.' "

Reitz was much encouraged in his hymn writing by the songwriter, D.B. Townner ("Trust and Obey"). During World War I he wrote a patriotic song which was quite popular, "The Blue Star in the Window." Other well-known gospel songs that he penned are 'Twas A Glad Day When Jesus Found Me," "The Shepherd of Love," and "Teach Me To Pray."

Cedarville College Library  
Cedarville, Ohio 45314





---

# How To Disciple

When thinking of discipleship, I am reminded of Paul Dixon's book, **The Joy of Discipleship**, a very helpful and easy to read book especially written for those Christians who have not yet begun to disciple others. Discipleship, as defined by Paul Dixon, is "letting God use you to reproduce in others what He built into your life through someone else."

Discipleship is done by individual Christians and is a follow-up program geared for new converts. It is the process of teaching the convert to pattern his life after Christ's and convincing him of the importance of discipleship. The teacher must be living for Christ and remember that, whether positive or negative, he is an influence on others.

Dr. Dixon points out six demands that are brought on the disciple. The first is that you be holy by following Christ. Second, you are to be humble so the teacher can also be a

learner. Third, discipline should be evident in all aspects of your life, especially in Bible reading and prayer. Fourth, you must have love for those you are discipling. Fifth, you must be patient and allow God to do the work. And sixth, there will be a sacrifice of time.

Dr. Dixon suggests that you disciple just a few people at a time and meet weekly for one and a half hours. It is important to pray for those in the group and not to ever put them down. During the meetings, it is good to get to know one another, listen to their problems, and let them know you too have problems. After this is a Bible lesson. Dr. Dixon gives ten areas that are good to cover, including assurance of salvation and victory over sins. The meeting then ends with prayer.

I pray that this overview of the important aspect of discipleship will encourage you to begin building into those around you.

## Staff Stats

Joan Parsons

Hi, my name is Joan Parsons and I am from the sunny south, more specifically, Fort Myers, Florida. As a sophomore at Cedarville College, my short-term goal is to graduate in two more years. My major, nursing, may lead me to many fields. I am very interested in two particular areas, one of which is working on a mission field. The other area is being employed by a nursing home and working my way up to be an administrator. Presently, either area sounds good to me, but I am depending on the Lord to give me wisdom to make the proper decision.

I hope that you find **Living Springs** interesting, helpful and encouraging.

---

# Puzzle

Directions:

Look up the following Scripture references and find the names of the twelve disciples of Jesus. Then find and circle the names in the following word search.

1. Two of the disciples are found in Matthew 4:18.
2. Two other disciples are found in Mark 1:19.
3. One disciple is mentioned in Acts 8:35.
4. Another disciple is spoken to by Christ in John 20:29.
5. Another disciple is found in Matthew 9:9.
- 6 Eleven of the disciples are mentioned in Acts 1:13, but find the disciple's name who was a zealot and another disciple who was the brother of James.
7. Another disciple is found in John 13:26.
8. Acts 1:13 also gives a disciple who was the son of Alphaeus.
9. All of the disciples have been mentioned except one. Find the name of this disciple in Matthew 10:3.

S I M O N P E T E S Y V N  
A O K J I P B O A I X M U  
B N L H I E A M S M W T L  
D M G L C D R A U I J S R  
C F I A B T T X T N U K Q  
E H Y X U W H S U B D P J  
P R Q T V U O O Z A A O Z  
G W O P N L L X M B S E Y  
F S J M K J O Y A A I I X  
H E O F G H M E T C S D W  
J M H D B P E V T G C H V  
J A N D R E W S H D A C U  
U J U T C T L J E H R G T  
D N S V A E N U W E I B S  
A M R W Z R M D K I O F R  
S K P Y X J O O J F T Z Q  
I L O J A M E S A B E O T

## A Word For The Wise

### The Joy of Discipleship

Paul Dixon

Christian Educational Publications

You don't have to read very many articles in this month's issue to realize our theme is discipleship. **The Joy of Discipleship** is used by Sharon Banzhof in her article, "How to Disciple."

If you have considered or are considering discipling, this book will be a real asset to you. It is written in an easy-to-understand manner. The print is quite large so it should be comfortable to read.

We pray that **The Joy of Discipleship** will give you the challenge you need to begin a fruitful

discipling ministry wherever you are.

To order, clip the coupon and send to Christian Publications, along with a check for \$1.95 for each book desired. We will pay the postage for you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Description	Price-each	Total
	"The Joy of Discipleship"	\$1.95	

Ohio residents add 5½% sales tax. NO POSTAGE. Make checks payable to: Christian Educational Publications, P.O. Box 794, Cedarville, Ohio 45314





# Ye Are My Disciples?



by  
April Augustus

ye are my disciples

When a person accepts Christ as his personal Savior, he becomes a child of God. Along with gaining an eternal inheritance, however, comes the responsibility of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

What is a disciple? A disciple is a follower of a person or doctrine. A disciple is fully devoted to that which he is following and wants to learn all he can about it. He is filled with a desire to share that which he has learned with those who do not know or understand.

Specifically, then, we as Christians should be fully devoted to following the Lord Jesus Christ no matter where He leads us. God never gives us more than we can handle. He knows each of our hearts and if we are willing to follow He will show the way. When difficult times come, God will hear our prayers and answer them in the way

that is best for us.

Disciples of Christ should have a desire to learn more about Him. By reading the Bible, spending time alone in prayer with God, going to church and listening to a biblically-based message, and talking to other Christians, we learn more about God. We can see His love in other people and in the beauty of creation around us.

When we get to know our Lord better we will want to tell others of His love for them. We will want them to know that God is holy and hates sin, but if they will confess their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior, He will forgive them and come into their hearts and lives. The Holy Spirit speaks through our words and actions to be a witness to a lost and dying world. If we are right with God and in fellowship with Him, then we will be good disciples of Christ.

If you are a Christian then you are a child of God. Rejoice in this, but realize that you have the responsibility to be fully devoted to our Lord, to learn more about Him and to witness to others through the leading of the Holy Spirit. You will then be exercising true discipleship.

If you do not know the Lord as your Savior, won't you ask Him to save you? He is waiting patiently, ready to save you from your sins.

## Living Springs

Box 794  
Cedarville, Ohio 45314

*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

*John 4:14*

*Living Springs* is a monthly publication for senior citizens, published by Christian Educational Publications in association with the Christian Service Department of Cedarville College. For subscription or other information write: *Living Springs*, Christian Educational Publications, Box 794, Cedarville, OH 45314.

Editor ..... Lucinda Woodard  
Proof Readers .... Harold Green, Irene Gidley  
Student Co-ordinator ..... Reda Moore

Cedarville College Library  
Cedarville, Ohio 45314

Cedarville College Library-1  
P.O. Box 601  
Cedarville OH 45314